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## DARING JAIL-BREAK FRUSTRATED BY GUARDS

### 2 CONVICTED BURGLARS CAUGHT DIGGING TUNNEL

**Prisoners Wrench  
Hammock Hook  
Loose and Work  
at Night while  
Howling Wind  
Covers Noise**

Digging their way toward freedom through the weak wooden floors of the cell in the territorial prison, two desperate criminals last night almost effected a jail-break. The vigilance of guards in the prison resulted in the discovery of the plan and its quick frustration, and instead of coming up from a burrow into the free air of the front yard, the two men landed in close confinement on a diet of bread and water.

According to what High Sheriff Henry has learned of the attempted jail-break, it was the climax of a carefully-concocted plot. The two principals in the case are Howard C. Duke and John P. Bates. Both of them are types of "bad men." Both are serving sentences for burglary in the first degree. They were convicted on August 15 of this year, and Duke was sentenced to serve not less than one year and six months nor more than twenty years. Bates was sentenced to not less than two years and six months nor more than twenty years, Judge Whitney delivering the sentences.

The plot began to work out when a number of the white prisoners in the jail complained bitterly and persistently of their food. They declared it was poorly cooked, and the prison officials were asked to make a change in the chefs that preside over the prison kitchen. One of the convicted burglars, Duke, was said to be a good cook, and the little group of trouble-making white men wanted Duke put to work in the kitchen.

It was suspected even then that the object of the plan was to put the man in a place where he could get hold of knives and other iron and steel utensils that could be used in a jail-break. The old prison is none too safe, anyway, and in a number of places a little digging will free the prisoners. High Sheriff Henry refused to allow Duke to go to the kitchen.

The two men determined to make their escape at all hazards and last night appeared to be an excellent time to carry out their plan. The wind was howling about the jail and under cover of its noise the two evidently hoped to conceal their efforts to cut through the floor and dig out.

About three o'clock this morning a vigilant guard heard a suspicious noise in the cell on the lower corridor which the men shared. Quick investigation showed that the prisoners were last cutting their way through the wooden floor, which is made of one-inch planking laid across timbers and offers little opposition to any kind of a sharp-edged tool. The men had ingeniously fashioned an instrument out of a screw which they had obtained from the wall, unscrewing a hammock to get the implement.

The men were surprised at their work and after that it was nothing but the bread-and-water diet for them.

Plans have been completed for the new prison, and High Sheriff Henry is anxious to get into it, as the present structure is anything but delivery-proof. The contract for the administration building of the new jail will be let early next month, and the rest of the work will be done by prison labor. The structure when completed will be a model of its kind.

### Fisher Report On Hawaii Delayed Several Weeks

By C. S. ALBERT  
[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Recommendation for legislation and regulations, intended to better conditions in Hawaii and make the Territory more prosperous and progressive, will not be completed by Secretary Fisher for two or three weeks. They will probably not be made public until after the Christmas holidays.

Secretary Fisher has been materially delayed in framing his recommendations and comment on Hawaiian affairs by the non-arrival of the

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### COMPANY I MEN PROVE GOOD SWIMMERS

**Splash Through Tank at Shafter in Full Field Equipment and Win Quarterly Field Day**

Twenty-four dripping but delighted soldiers pulled themselves out of the big tank at Fort Shafter this morning, and by so doing pulled I company, Second Infantry, out a winner of the quarterly post field meet. The swimming contest clinched the meet for the I company, for even if the baseball game scheduled for this afternoon goes against them, the I men have enough of a lead to still remain at the head of the point list.

The swimming stunt was the big thing of the meeting, for three full squads from each company were required to swim across the big tank in full field equipment, and there was considerable speculation as to which organization could accomplish this feat in the fastest time. The test was made by companies, the men taking the water in two rows, and splashing across as fast as clothes, canteens and haversacks would let them. Originally it was intended that the men should carry rifles, but there were not enough of the fencing rifles to go around, and as it was figured that a wetting would do the regular service arm no good, this extra impediment was left behind. Soldiers did the soldiers carry their blanket rolls.

Only one man, a member of the K. company team, was unable to cross the tank, he being forced to grab the life line that was stretched along one side of the pool. This disqualified the team.

This afternoon a baseball team picked from the star performers of K and M companies, is playing a pitched team from I and L. Second place in the meeting depends on the result, for 5 points goes to each company represented on the winning side. If K and M win, the latter team takes second place with 27 points. If the I and L combination wins, L company gets second place with 24 points.

Following were the results of the morning's events:

Event	Position	Points
1st 2nd 3rd		
Wall scaling	K-8 L-5 I-2	
Tug of war	M-10 L-6 I-3	
Relay race	K-10 M-6 I-3	
Shelter tent pitching	I-8 L-5 K-2	
Bayonet fencing	I-5 M-3 L-1	
Swimming contest	I-8 L-5 M-3	
Total points, I, 32; M, 22; K, 20; L, 19.		

### DR. MAHER FINDS HAWAII ATTRACTIVE

Dr. John H. Maher, head of a large veterinary hospital at Philadelphia and a close personal friend of Secretary of the Interior Fisher, called on Acting Governor Mott-Smith this morning with a letter of introduction from the Interior Department.

Dr. Maher, accompanied by his wife, had come west to California for a winter rest and vacation, and hearing of Hawaii's attractions came down here on a sight-seeing trip, arriving on the Wilhelmina's last run from San Francisco.

testimony taken during the hearings held before him while in the islands. The transcript did not reach the Interior Department until December 10. The Secretary was then up to his neck in other matters.

In the meantime, Secretary Fisher has collected a great mass of data relating to Hawaiian industries and facts bearing on conditions there. These will be utilized in preparing his recommendations.

The conclusions of Secretary Fisher will be submitted to President Taft upon completion. If ready before the President's return from Panama they must be held in hand until he is again in the White House.

The Secretary says the future disposition of his report rests entirely with the President. It is supposed the contents will be transmitted to Congress by the President, with some views and recommendations of his own accompanying them.

### PLAZA WHERE THEY TRIED TO KILL TAFT



In this plaza, in the center of the city of Panama, at the Pacific end of the great canal, a bomb was exploded in a cigar stand yesterday, shortly after the President passed on his way to a ball, to be given in his honor within the building shown in the background. President Taft, from one of his latest pictures, is in the lower left hand corner of the picture.

### NEW PLUMBING ORDINANCE DOOMED BY MAYOR IN-COMING SUPERVISORS ALSO OPPOSED TO IT

#### SMITH, ALLEGED SMUGGLER, WILL PLEAD GUILTY

Entering a plea of guilty to the charge of opium smuggling and throwing himself on the mercy of the court, Norman E. Smith, probably will be sentenced January 2 to pay the penalty for his crime. The case will undoubtedly be one of the first called upon when the U. S. district court convenes next Thursday. The second charge, that of violating the Edmunds Act, may be dropped, and Smith, after serving the time or paying the fine imposed, will again be a free man. Meantime he will repose in jail, making no effort to obtain further bail. The law provides a penalty of

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His Honor to Send in His Veto of the Measure Soon—Message to Be a Stinger—City Fathers—elect Caucus Will Tonight Decide Definitely Upon the Bill, Should It Pass Over Fern's Disapproval

Alas for the dreams of the plumbers and those who drew up and are interested in the new plumbing ordinance. Mayor Fern plans to hit it a solar plexus blow, to the huge disgust of Supervisor Murray and the rest of the board of supervisors, which with the exception of Supervisor Low, has been back of the measure ever since its introduction.

And worse far than the veto of His Honor, which can be set aside and probably will be by this board, it was learned that the incoming board, having caucused upon the measure, has about reached the determination to throw out the measure if the existing body shall override the mayor's veto

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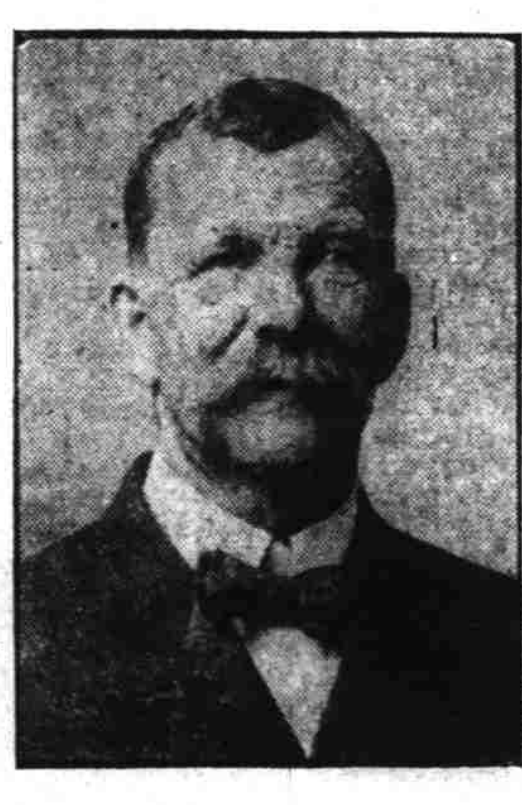
#### NEWS OF FREAR SURPRISES HIS FRIENDS IN CITY

Though the expected cable from Governor Frear and Attorney General Lindsay came yesterday afternoon, it brought unexpected information, and low local friends of the party are wondering why the officials are hastening homeward.

The dispatch stated they expected setting sail at noon yesterday from Midway Island, homeward bound, stopping at Laysan Island. According to the cable of the day before from the operator at Midway, the party could not have landed there until yesterday morning. Thus their stay at the place

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### MAKE-UP OF THE NEW ROAD COMMITTEE



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L. PETRIE, JOHN MARKHAM and SAM HAREFENTY have been selected by Mayor Fern as the probable members of the road committee of the incoming board of supervisors. They have already done not a little preliminary work with the city engineer and the road supervisor, and are mapping out a plan of campaign for better roads, the details of which they are keeping very closely to themselves at present. It is understood, however, that the first big work the new board will undertake is the laying of a permanent pavement on King street, and improvement work on Queen street.

### TURKS FLEE FROM THEIR OWN HOMES

**More than Hundred Thousand of them  
Leave Turkey in Europe to take up  
Farms Offered them by their Govern-  
ment in Asia—Plenipotentiary in Lon-  
don, while Declining to Discuss Terms  
Suggested by the Sublime Porte Calls  
those put Forward by the Allies  
"Simply Preposterous"**

[Associated Press Cable]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Dispatches to the headquarters of the American Red Cross Society received here yesterday announce that more than one hundred thousand Turks have left their homes in European Turkey and have fled to farms offered them by their government in Asia Minor. This plan of the Sublime Porte to thin out the population of European Turkey is working great hardship to many, who are compelled by the officials to move their belongings in the depth of the Balkan winter, and it is reported that hundreds of the women and children are suffering severely from the hardships imposed upon them.

**PRINCE INVADERS ALBANIA**  
PARIS, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Par's Temps, the leading daily here, announced this morning that the Prince Ahmed Fusa, nephew of the Khedive of Egypt, has invaded Albania at the head of a force of more than 20,000 troops. The prince, it is said has proclaimed himself sovereign of the country, and is marching upon the capital.

**REJECTS PROPOSALS**  
LONDON, Dec. 27.—Reched Pasha, chief of the peace plenipotentiaries here representing the sultan of Turkey here, gave out an interview this morning in the course of which he called the terms proposed by the allies as "simply preposterous." He declined to discuss the terms it is reported were called him by his master Tuesday, and declined to make any forecast regarding the answer which Turkey will make to the allies' demands.

### Wilson At His Birth-place

[Associated Press Cable]  
STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 27.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson will spend tonight in the house where he was born. The occasion is to be made quite a ceremony.

On his way to this city, the president-elect held an important conference with W. F. McCombs, his campaign manager and now chairman of the Democratic national committee. It is understood that cabinet positions were among the matters discussed. Staunton is in gala attire to receive her distinguished son. There will be a parade of school children in his honor.

### Santa Claus Senator Burned

[Associated Press Cable]  
GARDEN CITY, Kansas, Dec. 27.—William H. Thompson, Democratic senator-elect and one of the most prominent men in Kansas public life, was dangerously burned last night while playing Santa Claus at a neighborhood Christmas tree. In some manner the long white cotton whiskers used in his "make-up" caught fire from the candles on the tree and before he could dash off his false face, the flames had enveloped him. The doctors will not prophesy his safety.

### Dynamite Jury Takes Case

[Associated Press Cable]  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—Court adjourned today until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, at which time the jury is expected to bring in a verdict in the union dynamiting cases. The jury is expected to take many hours in its deliberations because of the number of allied cases that have been presented to it. Attorneys both for the prosecution and the defense express confidence in the result.

### NEW YEAR'S FIRE TURNOUT LAND TO LET HILO GROW

There will be a demonstration  
An alarm for a suppositious fire at Palace Square will strike at 9:30 on New Year's morning, to which all the auto machines will respond. A resolution presented by Supervisor Murray was passed at a meeting of the board of supervisors this afternoon, directing Chief Engineer Thurston to have the machines ready at their respective stations at the hour mentioned. The police auto patrol wagon will take part in the run.

All automobiles and other vehicles are to be specially ordered to keep to the right-hand side of streets along the lines of the turnout. This the ordinance requires them to do anyway at all times, but a breach on this occasion will be certain to bring down the penalty on the head of the offender.

**NEW YEAR'S MONEY  
FOR COUNTY WORKERS**  
City and county employees will have money to spend for New Year's—that is, those of them who hold on to it for three days—as the payrolls for the latter half of December were passed by the board of supervisors this afternoon.

Next meeting of the board will be held at 7:30 Monday evening, when the bids for erecting the Kaimuki fire station will be opened. The time for receiving these bids by Clerk Kalaokalani will end at 12 noon tomorrow.

The Claudine and the Nihau of the Inter-island fleet are listed for departure at five o'clock this evening. The Claudine calls at the Maui ports while the Nihau will proceed to Hawaii with general cargo.